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D.O.No.111045-AIV/48-1

Dated: Fort St. George
the 21st October, 1948.

My dear

Sub: Agriculture - Grow More Food - Agricultural implements - Supply from Agricultural depots - Delay due to fixation of prices - Instructions.

During his recent visit to the South Arcot District, the Hon. Minister for Agriculture inspected some of the Agricultural Depots there, for example, Ulundurpet, Villipuram Tindivanam, Kallakurichi etc., He found that in many of the depots crow bars, mamuties and other agricultural implements which are in heavy demand were also not being sold quickly. A Villipuram the District Agricultural Officer explained to the Hon'ble Minister that he could not fix the price of cart tyres for nearly three months since their receipt, as he was not in receipt of particulars of transport charges to be taken into account in fixing the price. The Government have reason to ~~account in fixing the price~~ think that the position in other districts is also more or less the same. They consider that it is scandalous that iron agricultural implements and cart tyres should have been kept unsold for such long periods on trivial grounds when there is so much demand for them. The Gov desire that agricultural implements should be sold briskly in order to meet the requirements of the Agriculturists without delay.

I am to request you, therefore, to pay your special attention in the matter and to see that no delay occurs in the fixation of prices and the issue of the stocks of agricultural implements and cart tyres. If there is delay you will be personally held responsible and charges will be framed against you. If there are any points on which orders are required you should immediately obtain them from the Director of Agriculture. If the delay is due to the difficult in fixing varying prices owing to varying costs of transport, it is suggested that a scheme should be immediately devised for fixing an average uniform district price.

Yours Sincerely,

W.R.S. SATHIANADHAN.

GIVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Development Department

D.O.No.111045-AIV/48-2

Dated: Fort St. George
the 21st October, 1948.

My dear Sundaram/Lakshmipathy,

Agriculture - Grow More Food - Agricultural implements - Supply from Agricultural depots - Delay in the fixation of prices - Instructions

My D.O.No.111045-AIV/48-1 dated 21st October 1948 to all the District Agricultural Officers.

I am to enclose a copy of my D.O. to all the District Agricultural Officers impressing on them the need for the quick disposal of the fabricated agricultural implements and cart tyres to the agriculturists in the depots. The D.O. has been sent direct to the District Agricultural Officers

in order to impress upon them their duties and to save delay.

As regards fixation of prices it has been suggested that an average figure for transport charges for the whole district may be added by the District Agricultural Officers instead of their being made to wait for particulars of actual charges. It will not matter if the price is fixed to be on the safe side a little-higher, say not more than 5% than what would be the actual-price but the essential thing is that the implements and cart tyres should be sold to ryots quickly when they desperately require them for cultivation. I am to request you to issue necessary instructions to the District Agricultural Officers immediately. I am in this connection to invite your attention to the instructions in Memorandum No.88628-L/48-1 dated the 8th September 1948. It is most unsatisfactory that, while on the one hand we have been pressing on the Government of India for greater allotments, the agricultural Department is grossly and almost perversely delaying the utilisation of even the small allotments made by them and there is heavy balance of stocks in many depots. I am therefore to request you to see that immediate attention is paid to the matter and that you should treat this as immediate and make arrangements at once for the speedy and equitable liquidation of the unnaturally-heavy stocks held in depots. Whenever there is evidence of slackness on the part of the District Agricultural Officers and others, charges should be framed against them.

Yours Sincerely,

W.R.S. SATHIANADHAN,

R.M. Sundaram, Esq., O.B.E., I.C.S.,
Director of Agriculture

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Sri B.M. Lakshmipathy, B.E., M.E., M.R.A.S.E.,
Joint Director of Agriculture.

R.M. Sundaram, O.B.E., I.C.S.,

Director of Agriculture,
Madras
Dated the 15th December 194

D.O.No.R.1.2110/48.

My dear Satthianadhan,

Agriculture - Grow More Food - Agricultural implements - Supply from agricultural depots - Delay in fixation of Sale prices - Instructions.

Kindly refer to your D.O.No.127968-A.IV/48-1 dated 8th December 1948.

In para one of your Circular D.O.No.111045-A.IV/48-1, dated 21st October 1948 addressed to all the District Agricultural Officers, reference is made to the delay in the fixation of the depot sale prices for certain iron and steel materials. I enclose herewith a copy of the Circular No.D. Dis. R. 1635/48 dated 2nd August 1948 issued to all District Agricultural Officers outlining the procedure to be adopted for fixing the sale prices of raw materials and for fabricated implements. Special attention has been drawn in the first para of that Circular to avoid delays in sales to agriculturists.

2. A revised circular was issued in R.1. 2110/48 dated 4th December 1948 to all District Agricultural Officers fixing the average amount of Rs.30/- per ton as special transport charge for purposes of fixing the depot sale price.

3. It will be observed from the review of the stock

position of iron and steel at the end of October submitted in L.Dis.R.1-1870/48 dated 12th December 1948 that the sales during October 1948 have shown a distinct improvement. The position is being very keenly watched and the District Agricultural Officers are now regularly urged to speed up distribution. Distribution totals for the month of November 1948 will be reviewed and a fresh drive set up if the progress is not found satisfactory.

Yours Sincerely,
R.M. Sundaram

W.R.S. Satthianadhan Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department,
Fort St. George, Madras

Enc: 2 Circulars - copies.

N o t e s.

At to-day's discussion, H.M. (Agri.) stated that during his return from Yercaud he visited some of the agricultural depots on the way, for example, Ulundurpet, Villupuram, Tindivanam, Kallakurichi etc. He found that in many of the depots crow-bars, mamuties, and other agricultural implements which were in demand were not being sold. Similarly cart tyres which were in terrible demand were not also being sold quickly. At Villupuram the D.A.O. explained to the H.M. that he could not fix the price of cart tyres for nearly 3 months since their receipt as he was not receipt of transport charges to be taken into account in fixing the price. H.M. considers that it was scandalous that iron agricultural implements and cart tyres should have been kept unsold for such long periods on trivial grounds. He considered that an average figure for transport charges for the whole district may be added to the cost price of cart tyres without waiting for getting particulars in regard to fixing of prices. It would not matter if the price is fixed say, 5% above the actual figures to be on the safe side. But what people wanted was brisk sales. H.M. agreed with the suggestion of the Secretary that a D.O. might be sent to all D.A.Os asking them to see that no delay occurs in the fixation of prices and the disposal of stocks of implements and cart tyres and that if there is delay they would be personally held responsible and charges would be framed against them. Please put up a circular D.O. to all D.A.Os and a D.O. to the D.A. stating that the D.O. is being sent direct in order to impress upon the D.A.Os their duties.

2. H.M. (Agri.) also wanted that orders should be issued immediately transferring the work of distribution of fabricated implements to Co-operative Societies as that was the best way of speeding up sales.

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18-10-1948

To A.S.

Orders on p.1 above:

A draft D.O. to all the D.A.Os. and a draft D.O. to the D.P.A. with a copy to the Joint D.A. are submitted for approval.

Para 2 on p.1 above.

An extract of this para has been added to the connected file and it is being submitted separately with a draft order.

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21-10-1948.

K. M.M. (H.M. Agri.)
22-10-48

(Issued as D.O.No.111045-AIV/48-1, dated 21-10-48
" D.O.No.111045-AIV/48-2, dated 21-10-48
From the D.A.O., Anantapur, D.O. dated 28-10-1948
From the D.A.O. Pattukottai, D.O. dated 26-10-48).

To A.S.

Submitted for perusal. No further action seems called for. The papers may be recorded for facility of future reference.

After a month ask D.A. what action was taken

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